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In re Application of

MIOUSSE, Danielle, et al.

U.S. Application No.: 10/565,090

PCT No.: PCT/CA04/01045

Int. Filing Date: 15 July 2004

Priority Date: 18 July 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 710826-57620

For: NEW OXIDATION PROCESS FOR

WATER TREATMENT

DECISION

This is a decision on applicant's "Letter to Legal Office," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 09 March 2006. It has been treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

BACKGROUND

On 15 July 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/CA04/01045, claiming a priority date of 18 July 2003. The international application was transmitted to the Office by the International Bureau on 27 January 2005. Accordingly, the thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expires at midnight on 18 January 2006.

On 18 January 2006, applicant filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national phase in the United States, accompanied by the basic national fee.

On 09 March 2006, applicant filed this request to abandon this national phase application.

On 05 July 2006, the Office mailed Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

DISCUSSION

Applicant claims to have submitted two sets of papers for the national stage entry of international application number PCT/US04/01045. The end result for an international application designating the United States of America is a single U.S. national stage application. Therefore, the submission of two sets of national stage papers to enter the United States was improper. In such a circumstance, the two entries are normally consolidated into a single application. This consolidation sometimes requires a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

However, in this situation, applicants have not identified the other national phase entry and further have incorrectly identified this entry as the national phase of PCT/<u>US</u>04/01045, rather than the national phase of PCT/<u>CA</u>04/01045.

Further, applicant's petition for express abandonment will not be acted upon. It was signed by an attorney who has not provided a power of attorney executed by all applicants or by the assignee.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for express abandonment is **DISMISSED** without prejudice.

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

This application is being returned to PCT Central Files to await a response to the Notification of Missing Requirements.

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In re Application of: MIOUSSE, et al

Application No.: 10/565,131

PCT Application No.: PCT/CA04/01045 : COMMUNICATION

Int. Filing Date: 15 July 2004

Priority Date Claimed: 18 July 2003 Attorney Docket No.: CLWZ 2 00158

For: New Oxidation Process for Water Treatment

This application is before the Office Of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 15 July 2004, Applicant filed international application PCT/CA04/01045, which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 18 July 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 18 January 2006.

On 18 January 2006, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/CA04/01045 were submitted and accompanied by the requisite basic filing fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/565,131.

DISCUSSION

An executed oath or declaration for all inventors as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4) along with the \$130 surcharge for filing the oath or declaration after the thirtymonth period is required, as well as a power of attorney. The oath or declaration of the

inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), should identify the application by the international application number and the international filing date.

CONCLUSION

The application is being held in the PCT Legal Office to await Applicant's reply. Applicant has TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision within which to provide a proper reply. The time period set forth may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed to the undersigned at Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.

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APPLICANT

: Danielle Miousse, et al.

FOR

: NEW OXIDATION PROCESS FOR

WATER TREATMENT

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Dear Sir.

Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the captioned application in response to the Communication mailed August 11, 2006.

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In re Application of: MIOUSSE, et al

Application No.: 10/565,090 and 10/565,131

PCT Application No.: PCT/CA04/01045

Int. Filing Date: 15 July 2004

Priority Date Claimed: 18 July 2003

Attorney Docket No.: 701826-57620 and CLWZ 2

00158

For: New Oxidation Process for Water Treatment

DECISION MERGING APPLICATION FILES

This application is before the Office Of PCT Legal Administration for consideration of issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 15 July 2004, Applicant filed international application PCT/CA04/01045, which designated the U.S. and claimed a priority date of 18 July 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 18 January 2006.

On 18 January 2006, application papers requesting national stage entry in the United States for PCT/CA04/01045 were submitted by the law firm of Faye, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich, McKee, LLP and accompanied by the requisite basic filing fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/565,131.

Also, on 18 January 2006, application papers requesting national stage entry in the Untied States for PCT/CA04/01045 were submitted by the law firm of Nixon Peabody, LLP. These papers were accompanied by the requisite basic filing fee and were assigned U.S. application number 10/565,090.

Application Number: 10/565,131 and 10/565,090 -2-

On 09 March 2006, representatives from the firm of Nixon Peabody filed a request, which was treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181, on behalf of Applicant, to expressly abandon U.S. application number 10/565,090.

On 05 July 2006, the Office mailed, in the application 10/565,090, a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

On 30 August 2006, Applicants filed, in the 10/565,090 application, a "Declaration and Power of Attorney" appointing representatives from the firm of Faye, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP.

On 18 September 2006, the Office mailed a decision, in the 10/565,090 application, dismissing Applicant's petition to expressly abandon U.S. application number 10/565,090.

DISCUSSION

Firstly, the submission of two different sets of application papers to enter the national stage in the United States was improper as there can only be one U.S. national stage application filed under 35 USC 371. In view of the "Declaration and Power of Attorney" submitted on 30 August 2006, filed by representatives from the firm of Faye, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP, and the petition from the representatives of Nixon Peabody, filed on 09 March 2006, it is clear whom Applicants have selected to represent them during national stage processing under 35 USC 371. Therefore, future correspondence regarding this matter will be sent to the firm of Faye, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP. As the Office has already begun national stage processing of international application PCT/CA04/01045 under U.S. Application Number 10/565,090, that number will continue to be used to identify the U.S. national stage application of PCT/CA04/01045. The attorney docket number will be changed to that assigned to the law firm of Faye, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP.

Secondly, the Declaration, filed on 30 August 2006, is defective because non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations have been made to it. Specifically, the address of the second joint inventor, Fabienne Biasotto, has been altered without being initialed and dated. See MPEP 605.04(a), which states:

"Any changes made in ink in the application or oath prior to signing should be initialed and dated by the applicants prior to execution of the oath and declaration. The Office will not consider whether noninitialed and/or nondated alterations were made before or after signing of the Application Number: 10/565,131 and 10/565,090

oath or declaration but will require a new oath or declaration. Form paragraph 6.02.01 may be used to call noninitialed and/or nondated alterations to applicant's attention."

Lastly, two preliminary amendments were filed on 18 January 2006 – one from the firm of Nixon Peabody and one from the firm of Faye, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP. Counsel is advised to consider if any further action regarding these amendments is necessary, e.g. cancellation of one of the preliminary amendments.

CONCLUSION

Application number $\underline{10/565,090}$ will continue to be processed under 35 USC 371. Applicant should now use application number $\underline{10/565,090}$ in all future communications with the USPTO regarding the U.S. national stage application based on international application PCT/CA04/01045.

A new oath or declaration, for second joint inventor Fabienne Biasotto, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) is required. Applicant is given the longer of one month (which is non-extendable) or the time period that remains to reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed 5 July 2006, to provide the new oath or declaration. Failure to timely submit the new oath or declaration will result in <u>ABANDONMENT</u>.

Application number $\underline{10/565,090}$ is being forwarded to the DO/EO/US for further processing - in accordance with the decision including the placement of the $\underline{10/565,090}$ application file and deactivation of the $\underline{10/565,090}$ application file and deactivation of the $\underline{10/565,131}$ file - and to await receipt of the new oath or declaration required above.

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